

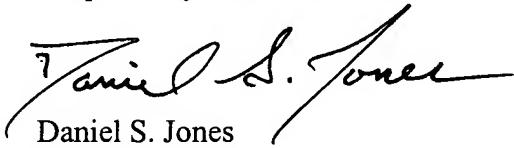
REMARKS

The examiner indicated that claims 5-11, 14-17, and 24 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claim 1 has been amended to include all limitations of claim 10 and is therefore allowable. Claim 12 has been amended to include all limitations of claim 15 and is therefore allowable. Claim 18 has been amended to include all limitations of claim 24 (and intervening claim 23) and is therefore allowable. The remaining claims are allowable because they depend from a now-allowable claim or because, in the case of 6 and 14, they have been rewritten in independent form as suggested by the examiner.

Claims 10, 15, 19, 23, 24, 26, 28 and 29 have been canceled.

In view of the foregoing, applicant requests allowance of claims 1-9, 11-14, 16-18, 20-22, 25, and 27.

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